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DEVELOPMENT AROUND INTERIM TEST RANGE SITE IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the peripheral development undertaken in and around Interim Test Range site, Chandipur and Missile Launching Centre, Wheeler Island in Orissa in the recent years;

(b) whether the maintenance of roads in its proximity has been a huge problem due to recurring floods and cyclones in the area; and

(c) if so, the details of the funds sanctioned and utilised during the last three years in the areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) A number of peripheral developments have been undertaken around Integrated Test Range - Chandipur and Missile Launch Complex, Wheeler Island - Dhamra. Some of these developments are related to construction/repair and maintenance of about 125 Km of roads; construction of Oriya Medium School at Chandipur; construction, maintenance and running of Range School at Chandipur; development of land, plantation and canal construction for water management to give relief from floods as well as during high tides; and development of Independent Power Feeder at Soro near Dhamra. The power available from the Feeder is also being utilized by local population.

(b) There are some problems due to floods and cyclones in repair and maintenance of roads in the nearby area. Same is being repaired with existing resources.

(c) About Rs.2.5 crore have been spent for the repair and maintenance of roads during the last three years.